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To request a change to regulations under the authority of the California Fish and Game Commission (Commission), you are required to submit this completed form to: California Fish and Game Commission, (physical address) 1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1320, Sacramento, CA 95814, (mailing address) P.O. Box 944209, Sacramento, CA 94244-2090 or via email to FGC@fgc.ca.gov. Note: This form is not intended for listing petitions for threatened or endangered species (see Section 670.1 of Title 14).

Incomplete forms will not be accepted. A petition is incomplete if it is not submitted on this form or fails to contain necessary information in each of the required categories listed on this form (Section I). A petition will be rejected if it does not pertain to issues under the Commission's authority. A petition may be denied if any petition requesting a functionally equivalent regulation change was considered within the previous 12 months and no information or data is being submitted beyond what was previously submitted. If you need help with this form, please contact Commission staff at (916) 653-4899 or FGC@fgc.ca.gov.

SECTION I: Required Information.

Please be succinct. Responses for Section I should not exceed five pages

1. **Person or organization requesting the change (Required)**
   Name of primary contact person: Anna Reams, Wildlife Care of Southern California
   Address:
   Telephone number:
   Email address:

2. **Rulemaking Authority (Required) -** Reference to the statutory or constitutional authority of the Commission to take the action requested: **The California Fish and game Commission has the authority to adopt and amend regulations governing the taking, capture, possession, transportation, and rehabilitation of wildlife pursuant to California Fish and game codes200,1050,2000,2120,2121,2150.4,3005.5,3800.4150,and 4180. This petition specifically requests amendment of sections 679.2 and 679.3 of title 14 of the California Code of Regulations to authorize qualified wildlife rehabilitation permittees, subject to Department-approved training, permit conditions, and humane capture requirements, to capture, injured ,diseased, or debilitated wildlife for rehabilitation.**

3. **Overview (Required) -** Summarize the proposed changes to regulations: **Amend Title 14 of the California Code of Regulation to establish a clear permitting process authorizing qualified rehabilitation permittees to humanly capture injured, diseased, or debilitated wildlife for transport to an authorized rehabilitation facility. Authorization would be limited to permittees with appropriate specie specific experience, approved training, suitable equipment, and compliance with Department established reporting, safety and animal-welfare requirements. The**

amendment should also allow the Department]to provide case-specific authorization when necessary.

4. **Rationale (Required) -** Describe the problem and the reason for the proposed change: Current regulations do not provide a clear, consistent process for qualified wildlife rehabilitation permittees to capture injured, diseased, or debilitated wildlife in the field. This regulatory gap can cause dangerous delays while an animals condition worsens, even when an experienced rehabilitator has the equipment, training, support and facility necessary to provide care.This is also a significant public - safety concern. Injured or severely ill wildlife may behave unpredictably, enter residential areas, approach feeding locations, encounter children or domestic animals, create traffic hazards, or expose members of the public to bites, scratches or zoonotic disease. When no qualified agency agency response is available, concerned residents may attempt to capture or assist the animal themselves, placing both people and animal at greater risk. Intervention by trained and authorized rehabilitators would reduce these dangers. The need for this change was demonstrated by Wendy, an injured Studio City coyote whose severe facial condition was known to the community for approximately 1 year, where they sustained her by setting up feeding and water stations.Wildlife care of Southern California had the experience and the resources to help but understood that our rehabilitation permit did not authorize capture. Despite repeated community efforts to obtain assistance, no timely and workable agency response was provided. By the time Wendy was finally captured through other lawful assistance, infection had destroyed much if her jaw, and humane euthanasia was necessary. Earlier intervention might have produced a different outcome, at minimum, prevented prolonged suffering and reduced the risks created by having a severely compromised coyote living with in a community visiting backyards daily for food.

Wildlife rehabilitators routinely assess, handle, stabilize, transport, and treat injured wildlife and often possess qualifications equal to or greater than those required for commercial wildlife trapping. Establishing a controlled authorization process-with specie specific qualifications, humane-capture standards, reporting requirements, veterinary oversight, and Department supervision-would protect animal welfare and public safety while ensuring that injured wildlife can receive timely care.

SECTION II: Optional Information

5. **Date of Petition: 9-14-2026**

6. Category of Proposed Change

□ Sport Fishing
□ Commercial Fishing
□ Hunting
□ Other, please specify: Wildlife Rehabilitation - Authorized Humane Capture of Injured or Debilitated Wildlife

7. **The proposal is to:** (*To determine section number(s), see current year regulation booklet or https://govt.westlaw.com/calregs*)
☐Amend Title 14 Section(s):
☐Amend Title 14 Section679.2 and 679.3
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☐☐ Add New Title 14 Section(s): Click here to enter text.
☐ Repeal Title 14 Section(s): Click here to enter text.

8. **If the proposal is related to a previously submitted petition that was rejected, specify the tracking number of the previously submitted petition** Click here to enter text.
Or ☐ Not applicable.

9. **Effective date**:**As soon as legally permissible following completion of the rule making process. Prompt implementation is requested because delays in capturing injured or diseased wildlife can prolong animal suffering and create avoidable risks to residents, domestic animals, motorists and other members of the public.**

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11. **Supporting documentation:** Identify and attach to the petition any information supporting the proposal including data, reports and other documents: Click here to enter text.

12. **Economic or Fiscal Impacts:** Identify any known impacts of the proposed regulation change on revenues to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, individuals, businesses, jobs, other state agencies, local agencies, schools, or housing: Click here to enter text.

13. **Forms:** If applicable, list any forms to be created, amended or repealed:
Click here to enter text.

SECTION 3: FGC Staff Only

Date received: **9/14/2026**

FGC staff action:
☑ Accept - complete
☐ Reject - incomplete
☐ Reject - outside scope of FGC authority

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Date petitioner was notified of receipt of petition and pending action: _____

Meeting date for FGC consideration: _____

FGC action:
☐ Denied by FGC
☐ Denied - same as petition _____

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☐ Granted for consideration of regulation change